

FERRY COUNTY COMBINED SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS
Ferry County, Washington
January 1, 1992 Through December 31, 1994

Schedule Of Findings

1. Ferry County Park And Recreation District No. 2 Should Pay Prevailing Wages On All Public Works

Our audit of the construction projects at Ferry County Park and Recreation District No. 2 showed that the district did not require prevailing wages to be paid on the Ferry County Firearms Range and the Eagle Track ORV Trailhead construction projects.

RCW 39.04.010 states in part:

The term public work shall include all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the state or of any municipality

RCW 39.12.020 states in part:

The hourly wages to be paid to laborers, workers, or mechanics, upon all public works . . . shall be not less than the prevailing rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality within the state where such labor is performed.

By the district not requiring prevailing wages to be paid, the district is potentially liable for the difference between what the workers were paid and what they should have been paid.

RCW 39.12.042 states in part that the district:

. . . shall be liable to all workers, laborers, or mechanics to the full extent and for the full amount of wages due, pursuant to the prevailing wage requirements of RCW 39.12.020.

The district was not aware that prevailing wages are required on all public works.

We recommend that Ferry County Park and Recreation District No. 2 pay prevailing wages on all public works.